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Sunday School Lesson

BEGINNING HIS MINISTRY
International Sunday School Lesson for January 14, 1945

GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4: 10.

Lesson Text: Matthew 3: 13-4: 11

The ministry of John the Baptist preceded the active work of Jesus. John, typical of the Old Testament prophets, is considered a connecting link between the Old and New Testaments.

John the Baptist was born about six months earlier than Jesus, to whom he was related by blood, being a cousin. His parents were very devout people and John was reared very strictly. Early in life he became a Nazirite and fulfilled the strict vows and simple mode of living practiced by these.

Roughly and plainly dressed, eating only simple, coarse food, John the Baptist was a solitary spirit, calling upon his hearers to repent and proclaiming to them the imminence of the Kingdom of God. He made a powerful effect everywhere he went and many were baptized at his hands, some following him as disciples.

John's message was direct, uncompromising and condemning. He characterized his audience as a "generation of vipers," urging them to abandon sin and in their lives show "fruits worthy of repentance." He advised them to share their goods with those who were less fortunate, to stop all oppression and injustice, and to humble themselves as was befitting a child of God.

To John the Baptist came Jesus when about thirty years of age. John was near Bethany, where the Israelites in their early history crossed the River Jordan under the leader Joshua, and here he was baptizing in the waters of Jordan those who repented at his message. Seeing Jesus, he testified that he was "the Lamb of God," a term which was understood and recognized by those who heard it as signifying the expected Messiah. Some of John's disciples abandoned him to follow Christ, an action which John himself endorsed. Jesus himself testified to the eminence of John saying that no greater man had ever been born.

When Jesus presented himself to John the Baptist to be baptized the latter demurred saying that he was more in need of baptism at the hands of Jesus. But Jesus insisted upon the ritual of baptism, thereby repudiating the attitude of the Sadducees and the Pharisees, who rejected the authenticity of John's baptism.

In addition, Jesus recognized it as a righteous ordinance, one which he wanted to recommend to his followers by his own example of submission thereto, and above all, Jesus fully realized the inspiring power of this process of consecration. By this time Jesus was conscious of his mission, if not before, and with his formal dedication of his own life he professed by a clearer vision of God's purposes for him.

Following his baptism Jesus went into the wilderness for meditation.

Other great religious leaders have done the same. Realizing now his destined task in life as an immediate and present duty before him, Jesus had to determine the means by which he would seek the accomplishment of his mission and at the same time build up that superhuman Jesus in the triumph of goodness and love which was to carry him through the terrific trials of his ministry.

Several years afterwards Jesus advised his disciples to count the cost before undertaking their important work, and we may be sure that during the forty days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness Jesus prepared himself for the supreme sacrifice of life itself, which he was going to be called upon to make in testimony of his own faith and fidelity. While in the wilderness, Jesus faced three great temptations and successfully repudiated each one of them.

It is immaterial to us what was the form and appearance of the tempter, but as he faced his great mission to uplift a world Jesus met and conquered enticements and allurements which the wrong and vile use of power and money had led him to betray and mislead men. The three temptations to which Jesus was subjected in the wilderness represented wealth without work, social recognition without merit, and unlimited power and authority without a mortal man had fallen down and worshipped evil for even one of these three great promises!

Hungry and famished by his long abstinence, Jesus was told to use his divine power to transform the stones into bread, which process meant unlimited wealth in that it furnished all that the body needed without labor. Secondly, he was advised to represent wealth without work, social recognition without merit, and unlimited power and authority without a mortal man had fallen down and worshipped evil for even one of these three great promises!

Well, that was the end of a very enjoyable hunting trip. The next morning we went back to our outfit and resumed our duties. We enjoyed the trip very much, but in one sense you could not call it a rest. We did a lot of hard packing or carrying, however, I wish I could spend fifteen more days out there right now.

Hold Birthday Party
Harry E. Bechtol, of Pine Grove Mills, was guest of honor at the celebration of his 59th birthday anniversary on December 30. Those present were: his brother, John Bechtol and wife and daughter Dorothy Jane, Miss Beattie Gurdack and Charles Leah, Edward Marshall, all of State College; and Paul Grove, Pine Hall, and Mrs. Bechtol. Refreshments were served, consisting of oysters and cake with all side trimmings. Everybody wished Mr. Bechtol many more happy birthdays.

25,000 Men Trained
Since the first ROTC unit was established at the Pennsylvania State College in 1902, approximately 25,000 men have combined military training with their other studies.

Quick Relief Head Colds!
FROM SNIFFLY, STUFFY DISTRESS OF
VICKS VA-TRO-NOL
Instantly, relief from sniffling, sneezy stuffiness of head colds...

Unionville Soldier Tells of Hunting in India

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only about a hundred yards from camp when he came to a small stream. He started across the stream stepping on stones that we had placed there just for that purpose. He was half-way across the stream when he happened to glance down the stream and there not thirty feet below him was a somber buck, also crossing the stream. This sight so startled Bass that he missed the next stone, skinned his leg and fell face downward in the stream where he lay and watched the somber make his crossing and disappear in the thick brush on the bank. This was the funniest incident of our entire trip and I sure took a lot of "riding" about it.

Fourteenth Day: We only hunted a few hours this day as we had plenty of meat and figured we needed a little rest.

Fifteenth Day: We decided to go back to the islands, where we had killed the two deer and try to kill another one. We had one full deer left and we figured if we could kill one more we could take the two of them back to camp and it would be enough for one meal in the company mess. Joe and Grant drove the first island this time while Bass and I watched. They gave us plenty of time and we were in position before they started driving this time. The drive had hardly started when I saw a doe stick his head out of the brush, looked around and started running across the river bed with five others behind her. Right then I decided to take a chance. I had noticed when I saw the deer run out there before that there was one deer running way behind the others. I hadn't been close enough to see if he was a buck or not but I knew he was a buck so I decided to let the doe go by and take a chance on the lead doe spotted me, snorted, and went full steam ahead with the others following her. Right then and there I began to worry. Suppose that buck didn't come out, then what was I going to let the other fellows? We were out here hunting for meat today and I had left six nice does practically run over me. However, everything worked out alright. The doe had scarcely disappeared when a nice buck with a good sized rack came charging off the island. I took good aim behind his shoulder and fired. He stopped a second, shook himself and started out again. I knew I had hit him and this kind of rattled me. I shot again and he stopped and just kind of braced his front legs as though to keep from falling. I then took good aim and fired a bullet through his neck. He went down and stayed there, then I went over to look where I was hitting him. The first shot caught him behind the shoulder, alright, but it was a little high. It would have killed him because we later found that it tore through the rib, penetrated the lungs and passed through the rib on the other side. The second shot was a bad one. It caught him right on the hoof of the right front leg, almost tearing the hoof off. I knew I was a little excited on that shot. The next shot of course went right where I knew it did. Well, we started to pack the deer back to camp and we hadn't gone a hundred yards until I wished that I had killed one of those little doe instead. That deer was plenty heavy and we were so tired when we got him back to camp that we didn't quit anymore that day.

Well, that was the end of a very enjoyable hunting trip. The next morning we went back to our outfit and resumed our duties. We enjoyed the trip very much, but in one sense you could not call it a rest. We did a lot of hard packing or carrying, however, I wish I could spend fifteen more days out there right now.

In order for you to better understand the above account of the trip I imagine I had better give a little description of the game. There are many types of deer over here but only three that we had any dealings with on the trip. (1) Sombar—a very large deer. The buck weighs from 500 to 700 pounds and the does about 160 pounds less. They have extremely large racks and look somewhat like our elk. (2) Chital (spotted deer)—very much like our deer back home with the white fall and all. However, they are all spotted in about the same manner as our fawns. About the same weight and rack size as our deer. (3) The barking deer—a small deer of dark brown color, weight is from forty to eighty pounds. They have two large teeth in front that resemble tusks and are said to be dangerous when wounded. The bucks are never more than four points and are mostly spikes. The deer grows about three or four inches up over the antlers.

The only other thing you might not understand is the morri or jungle wolf. It looks exactly like our oversize bantam chicken and is certainly the ancestor of the tame chicken. They are really wary and hard to get a shot at.

There is a different feeling in hunting these jungles over here than in hunting back home, although we didn't see either a tiger or leopard on this trip. You always know that they are around some place and you are prepared at all times. It really gives you a creepy feeling to be walking a jungle trail before daylight in the morning or just at dusk in the evening. However, that feeling tends to lend excitement to the hunt.

The above letter was written to Mr. J. B. Stere of Unionville, father of Cpl. John C. Stere.

THE OFFICE CAT
"A Little Nonsense Now and Then, Is Relished by the Wisest Men"
How to Behave During the New Year
Don't go around sticking pins in rubber balloons. You may need them this year as inner tubes.

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Don't go around sticking pins in rubber balloons. You may need them this year as inner tubes.
If a plate of soup or a bowl of chop suey drops in your lap, lap it up and laugh it off. It's smarter to kill a grouch than a party.

Getting Pop in Wrong
Johnny at Poultry Show: "Let's stay until they let the animals out." Mother—"They don't let them out, Johnny." Johnny—"Yes, mother, last night Dad told Uncle Bill that they would wait after the show and pick up a couple of chickens."

Question of Birth
An Irishman and a Scotchman went into a hotel for refreshment and were asked to sign their names and nationality. The Irishman signed: "Irish . . . and proud of it." The Scotchman signed: "Scotch . . . and fond of it."

A Bargain
A man stepped into a cigar store and asked the price of a brand of cigars. "Two for fifteen," replied the clerk. "I'll take one," said the smoker. "That will be ten cents," the buyer paid the dime and left. A Scotchman who overheard the conversation hurried up to the counter and said: "Here's a nicker—I'll take the other one."

Beware of the Pole
Germany's new secret weapon to end the war seems to be a long pole with a white flag on the end of it.

Freedom of Man
Anyway, a man can still take a chew of tobacco without feeling he ought to offer one to a lady.

Home, Sweet Home
Mose was moved up to the front line of battle. At every explosion of a shell he made a sprint for the rear line. His colonel tried to calm him. "You shouldn't be afraid, Mose," he counseled. "Why, what if you do die. Heaven's your home, you know?" "Yessah, I know," replied Mose, "but I ain't homesick."

Try and Get 'Em
Teacher—"If a number of cattle is called a herd, and a number of sheep is called a flock, what would a number of camels be called?" Bright Pupil—"A carton."

No Information There
The village bun was leaning up against a lamp post on Saturday morning when a stranger apprehended him. "My good man," said the stranger, "could you tell me where the Third Presbyterian church is located?" "Goah, no," said the souse. "I couldn't even tell you where the first one is."

The Laziest Doughboy
A soldier made a lot of dough in a dice game and when he entered his barracks in a gay mood he called out: "I'll give a dollar to the laziest man here." Everybody jumped to their feet and rushed forward to tell how lazy they were—everybody except Sam. He drawled: "Roll me over, buddy, and slip it in my pocket."

That's About All
Teacher—"If there were six flies on the table and you killed one, how many would be left?" Junior—"One—the dead one."

Time to Invest
She—"All my life I've been saving my kisses for a big sailor like you." Sailor—"Well, get ready to squander your life's savings."

It Happened Right Here
Yankee Doodle went to town, Riding on a pony. Because his ration board refused him gas And his girl was lonely.

Little Mary Knew
Sunday School Teacher—"What is it that binds us together, sustains us, and makes us better than nature intended?" Little Mary—"Girdles."

Dad Slipped a Few Times
Son—"Of course, father, I realize marriage is a serious step." Father—"Son, it's more than that—it's a flight of steps, with every one greased."

Windy Stories
Kansas GI—"In my state I've seen the wind blow people right out of their houses." Texas GI—"That's nothing—in my state I've seen the wind blow six days out of the week."

Get Ready to Run
Misses—"This food tastes terrible. Did you salt it?" New Cook—"Yes'm, but I never used that brand before. It was called Epsom Salts."

Human U-Boat
Said the doctor to the fatcod sailor, "I'm sorry, but I had to sink three ships to get to your appendix."

It Can—But Will It?
Sign in Dance Hall: "The management can eliminate any woman it thinks proper." That's all, folks. Some people differ. Some object to a fan dancer, and others to the fan. —SCAT—

Story of Peter Hauntz With His Stradivarius

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which rose out of the fiddler's arms, like an angel, or an airship, rising up, up, until it rested against the ceiling, among the strands of trailing pine, as if nailed to the roof. Then pointing again, his index finger going up and down, the violin moved in rhythm, rising and falling, while from the strings and under the bow, which Peter was still holding, came the most wonderful full bars of Christmas music, Hauntz's ventiloquism, of course. Then he motioned the Strad to descend, which it did slowly, until it rested safe in its aged owner's enfolding grasp. The audience were of a mind like it in Spain, as said old DeFlores, who had been a fiddler for the Queen of Spain in Fishing Creek Valley, "a miracle had occurred." Peter Hauntz did not believe in anti-climax, as despite urging to remain for the school board party, he loaded his "properties" in his closed, black wagon, unblinking and untied his white horse, and driving through a mob of childish admirers, started for Mill Hall where he resided, "to give a midnight entertainment, if I get there."

This was destined as one of those nights, which in the language of the old mountain people, "wonders will never cease." On the way to Mill Hall the snow began to fall heavier and going up Keefer's Hill, the heavy, cumbersome wagon, the wheels were big enough to convey an old-time Conestoga, stuck in a drift. Like the true prodigal, he was, Peter Hauntz put his "poppets" to work pushing the wheels, at least that is what two belated swains, carrying lanterns, struggling homeward from a late date at Salona, insisted they saw, as they drew near unobserved. When Hauntz noticed them he clapped his hands, and the "poppets," in their bedraggled, snowy fineries, scampered to the back door of the wagon, disappeared within, slamming doors after them as they vanished like fairies. Hauntz remarked, "Well, gentlemen, I know you will not mind giving me a lift, this snowy little Christmas Eve." Being big stalwart farm boys, they got the huge wheels rolling again, and giving each an "annual pass" to his show, a paste-board card, like an old-fashioned N. Y. Central Railroad pass, but instead of Commodore Vanderbilt's picture, the likeness was that of the Beltsville-like Comrade Sharp, alias Peter Hauntz, was on his way.

"Sharp met some friends and relatives on the road near Mann's axe factory, who had become nervous at his non-arrival at midnight. 'You might need us to get you by the haunted toll-bar,' they said. Evidently the Mill Hall folks felt that Hauntz had meant to give a midnight show, as there were still lights in not a few windows, as his heavy wheels crunched the hard snow, he drove in to town, his family following behind in an open sleigh. The late W. Howard Wolfe and wife, his neighbors and close friends were out, and helped him carry the "poppets" into the house. They will be getting their desks of gold," he said, giving further credence to the suspicion that the images were things of life. Someone once said to Mr. Wolfe, "Peter Hauntz more than any other man of his time brought the animate and the inanimate worlds closest together; with him it was only a hairs breadth dividing the living and the dead."

Harry Bechtol celebrated his 59th birthday last Thursday at his home. Some of his close friends were present and choice refreshments were served. George Weaver, of the U. S. Navy stationed at Bainbridge, Md., spent the New Year holiday at his parental home, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Weaver.

Aunt Bess Harper and Harry Peters were important business visitors in Tyrone last Tuesday. Prof. and Mrs. P. I. Wrigley and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Wasson last Tuesday attended the annual meeting of the directors of the Centre County Mutual Fire Insurance Co. at the Brockenhoff Hotel in Bellefonte.

Mrs. and Mrs. Samuel A. Homan were pleasant visitors over the past weekend with friends in Philadelphia. They returned home on Monday. Mrs. Elizabeth Peters entertained the I. W. T. Missionary Society at her home last Friday evening with Mrs. Beebe, acting leader. Members present were: Mrs. Isabel Musser, Mrs. Maud Fry, Mrs. Helen Peters, Mrs. Ruth Frank, Mrs. Bertha Schilling, Mrs. Sara Harper, Mrs. Madeline Post, Miss Betty Post, Lois and Doris Schilling.

Enclosed please find \$2 currency in payment for my subscription to the old standby of the county. I have read with great interest the letters written by Col. Shoenberger regarding the lives and activities of the old settlers in Brush Valley and glad to know that there are still a few living and carrying on their useful trades. It would be a thrilling sight for the younger generation to see the sky covered with the flight of pigeons and the woods with the din and din of such magnificent spread of antlers. But planes of all descriptions have taken the place of birds in the air. We are having an old-fashioned winter up here as you no doubt have heard over the radio; zero and below with plenty of snow and ice and the usual accidents by auto and pedestrians. More than a score of hunting accidents and fatalities in the woods during the deer hunting season in November, and penalties for those who used illegal gas driving into deer country.

Wishing you all the best of everything for the New Year, I remain, Sincerely yours, GEO. H. GOBBLE

BREEDING EWES NEED GOOD WINTER RATIONS
Breeding ewes that are coming into winter quarters should be gone over carefully to determine their condition, reminded by Col. Shoenberger. Extra care and feed provided now can mean a more profitable lamb crop later on. Ewes coming into the barn this season that are not carrying sufficient fleshing should receive a light grain feed, such as oats and corn in equal parts by weight with 2 pounds per head to the rations. The most practical way of measuring roughage is to feed a bushel crate 10 times per day. The intelligent farmer realizes that a little extra care and feed now means a profitable lamb crop later. The county agent says, "Remember, a good lamb percentage means a good return for 1945."

Prepare for War
Nearly nine thousand men studies have combined military training with academic study at the Pennsylvania State College during the last three years.

Query & Answer Column

F. G.—How did the gopher get its name?
Ans.—The name comes from the French gaufre, "honeycomb," and was given to the animal because it honeycombs the ground by burrowing in it.

P. O. R.—Is there a worth-while saving in fuel when the thermostat in a home is set down at night?
Ans.—It is possible to save fuel by setting down the thermostat at night. However, as a rule, the saving is not as great as many people appear to believe.

B. L. V.—How can a civilian obtain a war dog after its release from service?
Ans.—Reports state that war dogs will go through their own demobilization at Fort Robinson, Neb., when they are discharged from service, and buyers of these well trained animals must be endorsed by Dogs for Defense, Inc. As the dogs are declared to be surplus they will be shipped to the approved purchasers at prices ranging from \$15 to \$25. Applicants may be sent to Dogs for Defense, Inc., 22 East Sixth street, New York 22, New York, which will put the applicant in touch with a local representative.

S. B. H.—What is the yield to maturity of Series E United States Savings Bonds?
Ans.—It is 2.9 per cent, the highest obtainable on any United States Government security.

F. V.—What states were carried by Governor Thomas E. Dewey in the last presidential election?
Ans.—Governor Dewey carried 12 states—Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

C. E. M.—Of what is the torch symbolical?
Ans.—In art the torch is an emblem of marriage, from the Roman custom of holding wedding processions by torchlight. An erect torch symbolizes joy; an inverted torch is the emblem of death.

J. E. R.—Who suggested the name for cancer?
Ans.—The name cancer was supposedly given by Hippocrates in the fifth century B. C. Cancer has been recognized since earliest times, Egyptian and Hindu writings dating to about 2000 B. C. mention the disease.

K. O. A.—How much does a football weigh?
Ans.—Rules for American football require that the weight of the ball shall be between 14 and 15 ounces, and, when inflated for play, shall have a pressure of not less than 12½ pounds, nor more than 13½ pounds.

S. H. P.—How many airplanes have been lost by the Army Air Forces in combat and what is the rate of losses in training?
Ans.—The War Department says that the Army Air Forces have lost 14,600 aircraft on combat missions from all causes, and an additional 9,000 have been lost overseas from other than combat losses. The AAF training accident rate has progressively decreased. The average in training today is one fatal accident for every 2,760,000 miles flown.

F. L. G.—When and by whom was the first American portrait painted in this country?
Ans.—The first portrait known to have been painted in this country was that of Governor Richard Bellingham of Massachusetts, 1641. The artist was William Red of Boston.

F. A. A.—Are earthworms beneficial to plants?
Ans.—Earthworms are beneficial to plants to the extent that they stir up the soil and work in organic matter.

E. R. P.—Does waxing the heels and toes prolong stocking wear?
Ans.—Laboratory tests by textile specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture show that rubbing wax on stockings makes them wear four times as long. Candle wax or paraffin may be applied to heels and toes before each wearing.

S. S. G.—Why are unions exempt from payment of income tax?
Ans.—They are exempt because of their non-profit structure.

W. S. L.—How did McKeesport, Pa., get its name?
Ans.—McKeesport, Pa., is named for David McKee who settled in that vicinity in 1756. He was a north county Irishman. Twenty years after his arrival, he obtained ferry privileges.

T. H. H.—What is the usual number of cigarettes smoked by Americans in a year?
Ans.—In 1942, Americans smoked 257 billion cigarettes. This was 85 billion more than in 1939, the last pre-war year.

J. H. L.—What is the lightest metal used in industry?
Ans.—Beryllium. Alloyed with copper, it is used to make springs.

J. L. D.—If a daughter in the Army Nurse Corps makes an allotment to her parents, do the parents have to pay income tax on it as income to them?
Ans.—No, the daughter reports her pay as her income and will eventually pay income tax on it herself.

M. L. P.—Is the Navy discharging all men over 35 years of age if they are fathers of children?
Ans.—No.

Parents and teachers of left-handed children were advised today "to let well enough alone" by Dr. E. B. van Ormer, associate professor of psychology at the Pennsylvania State College.

"Studies have shown," Dr. van Ormer said, "that left-handedness is unrelated to intelligence, school achievement, emotional stability, or vocational interest, while forcing a child to change hands sometimes results in serious emotional and nervous upset." Explaining that many cases of left-handedness result from "environmental accident," Dr. van Ormer reminded that parents may safely encourage the use of the right hand until the child is two or three years old, but warned that coercion should never be used.

If left-handedness is well established, Dr. van Ormer cautioned against forcing a change since it may be so emotionally upsetting that stomach trouble, stuttering, or other physical disturbances may result. By the time a child reaches school age, he added, it is "extremely dangerous" to tamper with his handedness, except under the guidance of a specialist.

The arm-chair strategist will soon let us know how we can win the war without further losses.

ACHES AND PAINS
Are Usually Relieved With Luebert's Ka No Mor Capsules
A capsule easy to take for Pains and Aches which have proved prompt and effective in cases of Simple Headache, Migraine, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Bad Weather Aches and Toothaches. Take them according to simple prescriptive directions.

FERTILIZER, COVER CROPS REQUIRED IN ORCHARDS
Fruit growers are urged to anticipate their fertilizer needs, and obtain supplies to provide trees with their annual ration of nitrogen, J. Lupton McAntrony, extension pomologist at the Pennsylvania State College, recommends. At the same time he urges a vigorous growth of Ladino clover as a soil cover in the orchards.

THE SPECIALIST
The specialist also revealed that ammonium nitrate, used extensively in orchards last year, gave satisfactory results. Sulfate of ammonia increased soil acidity, while nitrate of soda was found to sweeten the soil. Nitrogenous fertilizers should be applied annually in virtually all orchards, with the amounts varying with age and condition of the trees.